

20. Rs. 150 under 'Miscellaneous—A-Durbar Hall—Miscellaneous'.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Joint Secretary to Government*).—Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 150/- under "36—Miscellaneous—A-Durbar Hall—Miscellaneous". The allotment for contingent expenditure for Durbar Hall is found inadequate to meet the requirements and for the purchase of some furniture. Savings are also not available. Hence the additional allotment which the House may be pleased to grant.

Demand was put and carried.

21. Rs. 190 under '36-Miscellaneous—C—Ernakulam Guest House—Establishment'.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Joint Secretary to Government*).—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 190 under 36—Miscellaneous—C—Ernakulam Guest House—Establishment. The practice of engaging temporary butlers was found to be unsatisfactory and a permanent butler on Rs. 25—1—30 had been appointed. There is no provision for this in the current year's budget. An additional allotment of Rs. 190 has therefore become necessary. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the request.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—Sir, I oppose the motion and that for two main reasons. For one thing, before we provide for such comforts and luxuries for visitors who pay a casual visit to our State it is the duty of the Government to see that the primary needs, the elementary wants of her own subjects are properly provided for. We are spending very big amounts under this head particularly in the last two years. We must have a sense of proportion in such matters. What would the world think of a person, who, while the members of his family were starving, used to provide extravagant entertainments for his neighbours. No one objects to the entertainment of strangers. But such arrangements should have a due relation to the capacity of the people to pay for such costly establishments. The Government of Cochin is asking the people to love her neighbours more than they love themselves—a proposition which no religious founder had so far propagated—even the greatest among them only advising the people to love others as they loved themselves. But here, the people of Cochin are